


REMARKS

Claims 18 through 40 are now pending in the application. Original claims 1 through 17 have been cancelled. The amendments to the claims contained herein are of equivalent scope as originally filed and, thus, are not a narrowing amendment. The Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the amendments and remarks contained herein.

If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

Respectfully submitted,

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